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Via pdf. and U.S. Mail

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**Re: Early Termination of the MOA Pursuant to Joint
Modification No. 4**

Dear Mr. Bromwich:

We write regarding your letter of April 1, 2008, notifying the parties of the Office of the Independent Monitor's ("OIM") determination that the Metropolitan Police Department ("MPD") has achieved substantial compliance with 80% of the Memorandum of Agreement ("MOA") between the Department of Justice, the MPD, and the District of Columbia ("the City"). As you write, in reaching this significant threshold, MPD has qualified for "early" termination from the majority of the MOA provisions pursuant to the Joint Modification No. 4, executed by the parties in December 2007. This letter constitutes our approval of your recommendation for termination, pursuant to your request for notification from the parties by April 7, 2008.

We join you in extending our heartfelt congratulations to Chief Lanier, former Chief Charles Ramsey, MPD's internal compliance unit (the Compliance Monitoring Team), the Office of Police Complaints, and the dedicated men and women of MPD for this outstanding achievement. We also roundly applaud the Monitor and the OIM team for its dedication to this project and for its sound guidance, provision of invaluable technical assistance, and for its unfailingly comprehensive, fair, and objective compliance assessments throughout this process.

Again, we commend MPD and the City for their hard work and dedication, particularly during the last several months of this process. We appreciate the opportunity to provide our comments. Please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 514-0195 or Tammie M. Gregg at (202) 616-2009 if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Shanetta Y. Cutlar", followed by a circled set of initials "JY/ML".

Shanetta Y. Cutlar
Chief
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cc: Inspector Matthew Klein
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